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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND UNABLE TO RESPOND TO UNESCO CONVENTION  
ON CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

REF: SECSTATE 170909

Poloff provided reftel demarche points to James Hartley,  
Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and  
Trade (MFAT) -- including additional points regarding Article  
120. On September 17, New Zealand held general elections and  
the outcome remains uncertain. According to Hartley the  
current caretaker government is unable to provide a response.  
He was unable to predict when GNZ would be able to answer.  
Burnett